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One day Blue and her friends were coloring in Miss Marigold's class. Green Puppy needed a different color to finish her drawing. She borrowed Magenta's favorite crayon . . . but without asking permission. As Green Puppy colored, she pressed a little too hard and . . . *snap!* Magenta's favorite crayon broke in half! Green Puppy felt very bad, but she did not know what to do.



Green Puppy didn't want Magenta to be mad at her. She quietly put the broken crayon back in Magenta's crayon box without telling her friend what had happened.



A little later Magenta found the broken crayon. "Oh, no!" she cried.
"My favorite crayon is broken!"

Magenta was very sad, and all of her friends tried to
make her feel better.

Except Green Puppy. She stayed away and felt very sad.



For the rest of the day Green Puppy was quiet and sad.
She didn't even eat with her friends at lunchtime.





After school all of her friends were playing baseball. Green Puppy just walked by.

"Aren't you going to play with us?" asked Magenta.

"Not today," said Green Puppy sadly.

Blue knew something was wrong.

"Why are you so sad today, Green Puppy?" asked Blue.

"Because of Magenta's crayon," said Green Puppy. "I was the one who broke it," she explained.



Blue could see that Green Puppy felt bad about what she'd done.

"If I tell her the truth, she may not want to be my friend," said Green Puppy.

"All you have to do is say you're sorry," said Blue.

"But I'm not sure how," said Green Puppy.

"I'll help you figure it out," Blue offered.



Back at Blue's house, Green Puppy and Blue told the whole story to Joe.
"How you can say 'I'm sorry' in a special way?" Joe wondered.
"It has to be the very best 'I'm sorry,'" said Green Puppy.
They asked Mailbox what he thought.



“Why don’t you make a special card just for Magenta,” Mailbox suggested. “Everyone loves getting cards! And when she opens it, she’ll read just how sorry you are.”

“What a great idea,” said Blue.



Blue gathered paper, crayons, and scissors.

Green Puppy carefully cut the paper and then folded it in half. On the front of the card she drew a picture of herself and Magenta holding hands.

"But what should I write on the inside?" Green Puppy asked.



"I know!" said Mailbox. "Cards usually start with a greeting. You can write 'Dear Magenta.'"

Green Puppy wrote that down and then scratched her head.

"How about you write 'I'm sorry' next," suggested Blue.

"Do you think I could write 'I am VERY sorry'?" asked Green Puppy.

"Even better!" said Blue.



Green Puppy put the finishing touches on her card and let Blue read it.

“Magenta will love it,” said Blue.

Green Puppy was so happy that she showed it to Pail and Shovel.

“What a great card!” they said.



"You could give Magenta flowers, too," suggested Pail.

"Flowers are very nice," said Joe.

"And they are a great way to show you are sorry," added Shovel.

"Do you think Magenta would like flowers?" asked Green Puppy.

"Of course she would," said Blue. "Let's go pick some."



Everyone helped Green Puppy pick flowers.
“Mix up all of the colors,” Shovel suggested.
“You should add a few of these,” said Blue.
“And a few of these,” added Joe.



Green Puppy had the biggest bouquet of flowers any of them had ever seen.



They took the flowers and the card into the kitchen. Green Puppy wanted to show Mr. Salt and Mrs. Pepper.

"How lovely!" said Mrs. Pepper.

"I'll be right back," said Blue. She had something secret to do.





"There's another great way to say you're sorry," said Mr. Salt.

"Another way?" asked Green Puppy, surprised.

"Sure!" said Mrs. Pepper. "You could bring Magenta her favorite snack. Do you know what it is?"

"I sure do!" said Green Puppy. "Magenta's favorite snack is strawberries. I'll give her some strawberries!"

Mrs. Pepper and Mr. Salt went to the refrigerator and got some strawberries. They helped Green Puppy wash them and put them in a bowl to bring to school the next day.

But Green Puppy still looked a little worried.





"I have all of these ways to say I'm sorry," she said, "but what if they don't work? What if Magenta still doesn't want to be my friend after I tell her that I broke her crayon?"

Blue was not worried at all. "Green Puppy, are you *really* sorry?"

"Oh, yes," said Green Puppy.

"Then maybe just saying you're sorry will be enough," said Blue.

“What do you mean, Blue?” asked Green Puppy.

“A true friend knows when you are sorry,” said Blue. “And a friend will forgive you for making a mistake. Right, Magenta?”

Magenta had walked into the kitchen. Blue had secretly invited her over!



"Hi, Magenta," said Green Puppy. "I'm so sorry I broke your crayon."

"It's okay," said Magenta. "I know you didn't mean to do it."

Then Magenta gave Green Puppy a hug.

"I made a card and picked some flowers and got your favorite snack to show you how sorry I am," Green Puppy said.

"That's so nice," said Magenta. "Thank you! But just saying you're sorry is enough."



But the next day at school, Green Puppy wanted to give Magenta one more gift.

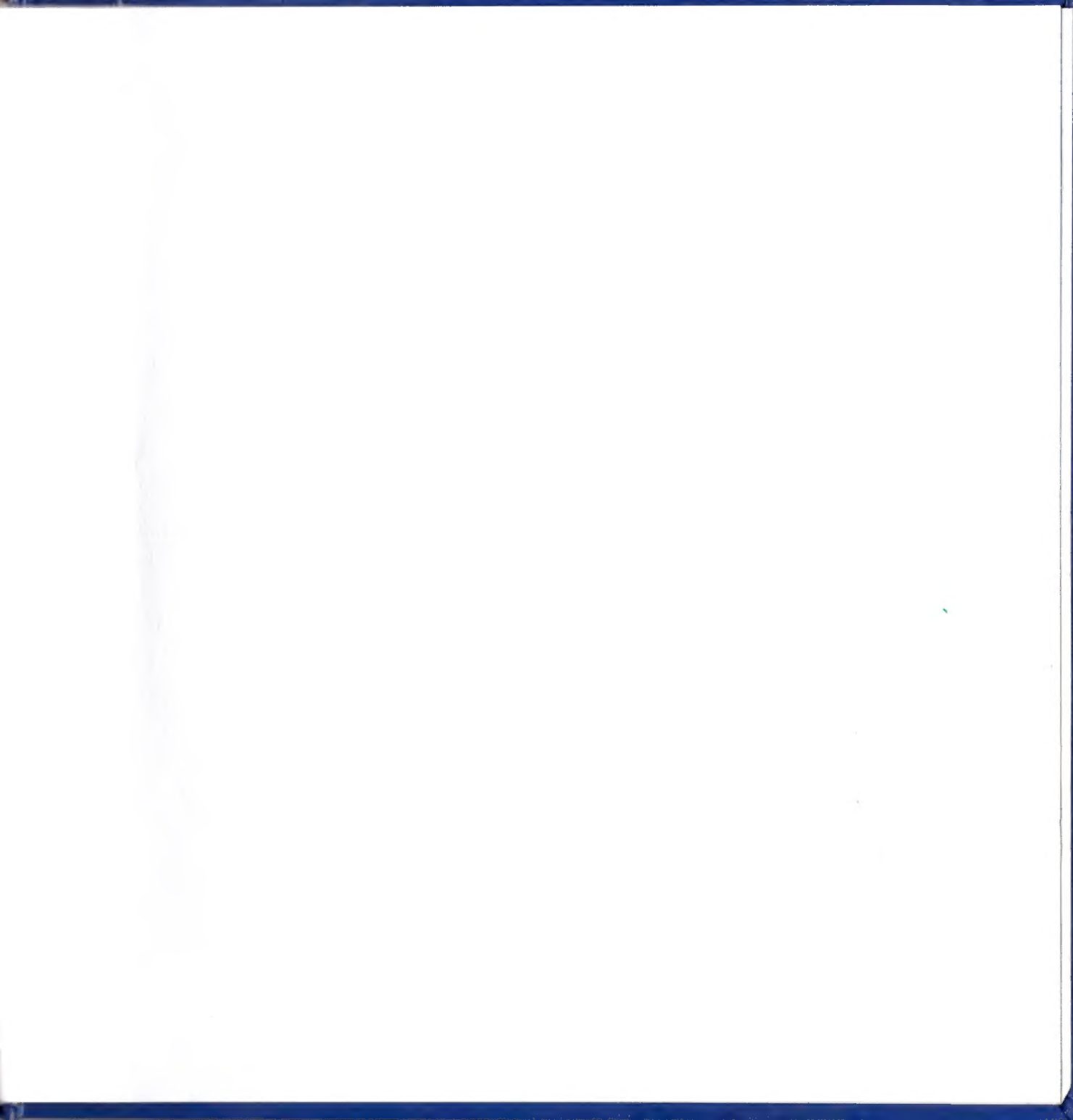
"A brand-new crayon!" Magenta cheered.

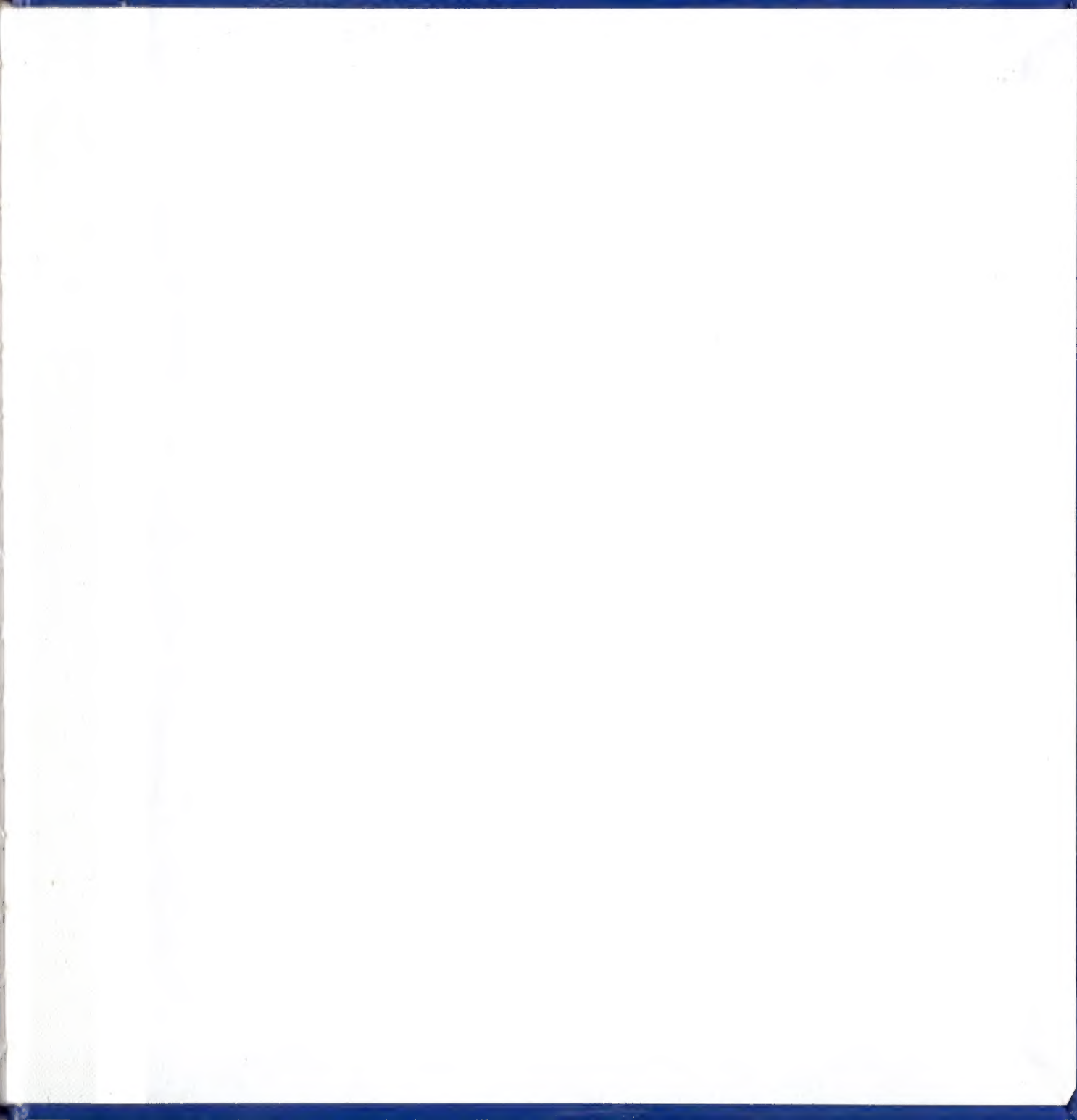
"I thought you'd like it," said Green Puppy, and she smiled.

She felt good again. All she had to do was let her friend know that she was really sorry.

"Thanks for all of your help, Blue," Green Puppy said.









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